

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, December 4, 2003

Chair Herro called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Ken Herro (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Sandy Wolff, and Paul Pronold. Alicia Silva arrived at 1:06 p.m. Pronold left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Mareth Kipp arrived at 2:00 p.m. and left at 3:15 p.m. **Absent:** Carl Seitz

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Long Term Care Manager Jack Bodien, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, Children & Family Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Chief of Staff Allison Bussler, WCTC Student Amy Berger, Nursing and Senior Services Supervisor Judy Berthelson, The Caring Place Director Mary Kapke, Community Partner Maria Reich, City of Waukesha Police Officers Brian Dorow and Eileen Micklitz, Central Middle School Principal Jeff Copson, and Safe and Sound Director Michelle DuBord.

Approve Minutes of November 13, 2003

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of November 13. Motion carried 4-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

Herro said the next meeting is scheduled for December 11th and it will be combined with the Health & Human Services Board.

Silva arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Ordinance 158-O-113: Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with the Milwaukee County and Cities Health Departments and Waukesha County Health and Human Services Department to Form the Milwaukee County/Waukesha County Consortium for Public Health Preparedness

Schuler said this is the second of two ordinances relating to the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Public Health. This ordinance approves an agreement promoting further emergency preparedness coordination between the City of Milwaukee's Health Department and Waukesha County's Public Health Division. It will also be used in communicable disease outbreak situations.

Schuler said this is very similar to what police and fire departments have which are written agreements that allow for the exchange of mutual aid when one jurisdiction's capacity to handle a situation becomes overwhelmed. The agreement specifies the process for requesting aid which can include personnel, equipment, facilities, etc. and how to apply for reimbursement funds if available, i.e., state or federal emergency funding. Schuler noted that this type of payment between jurisdictions due to an emergency hasn't happened since he's been here but it came close when the Monkeypox outbreak hit.

Herro asked who would be in charge if a state of emergency was declared? Schuler said it depends. The State maintains that a health officer in each jurisdiction is in charge of a health emergency. However, if there was an outbreak or attack situation and it's possible that criminal activities caused it, both law enforcement and public health command structures would be jointly in charge.

Schuler said they're still working through response responsibilities between areas of the broader public health system. The Public Health Division is the contract signer for this agreement but Environmental Resources Division (Parks & Land Use Department) staff have roles in this as well.

Esler said neither this ordinance or the prior ordinance addressed the money issue. Is it outlined in a formal document? Schuler said the money was budgeted for 2004 totaling around \$123,000 for the

division. They are to accomplish the ten goals listed in the budget book. Those dollars are spent on accomplishing those particular goals which very closely match the goals the consortium must meet in order to receive the entire allocation of money from the State. Esler asked is it written somewhere as to how the funds are divided? Schuler said yes, he has seen this documented and could obtain the information if requested. He believes the funds would be sent to each agency as opposed to them being sent to the consortium and then divided.

Herro asked can we choose to walk away from the consortium at any time without penalties? Schuler said yes although it would be to our disadvantage to do so whereby he discussed this further.

MOTION: Pronold moved, second by Wolff to approve ordinance 158-O-113. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 158-O-114: Appropriate State and Federal Funding for Intensive and Post Intensive Autism Treatment Services in the Department of Health and Human Services

Bodien distributed copies of “Addendum to the 2004 State and County Contract for Social Services and Community Programs – Title: Children’s Long Term Care Supports Waiver for Children with Developmental Disabilities” submitted by the State Department of Health & Family Services.

Kutz said this ordinance is a follow-up to the resolution that was approved by the County Board on October 28th and supports the Health & Human Services Department to participate in the Intensive and Post Intensive Autism Treatment Services under the Children’s Long Term Care Supports Waiver. Kutz said at that time, they hadn’t seen a final draft of the contract addendum. One issue that was important to the County was to be able to elect not to participate at some point in the future and that is included in the addendum as an option. Another important item involved the post intensive area. Kutz said the current average daily rate is \$30.60. The addendum states that the County has the ability to place participants on a waiting list for services that would cost above that state matched slot rate so we would not have to put any local match into it. Counties are not required to serve more participants than the state matched assigned slots.

Kutz referred to the fiscal note which lists an appropriation amount of \$2.6 million which will go into operating expenses as general governmental revenues. This will fund the purchase of intensive and post intensive autism treatment services. No tax levy will be provided for this program. A separate program and cost center will be set up for this particular program. Kutz noted that in the children services area, they provide treatment foster care and respite care services. He advised that these may be services that are eligible for waiver funding and the County could potentially be eligible for federal revenues in the future. Schuler said the contract was “written in such a way that there are no tricks, no trap doors” – what you see is what you get.

Herro asked who will the County contract with to provide these services? Bodien said this will be an expansion of the current case management contract which is with Lutheran Social Services. This is a natural expansion because they will be doing the same work that they currently do in the Long Term Care Division. Herro said with 109 kids, that equals \$23,000 per child/family. Is this reasonable? Bodien said this would be a one-on-one type of service. The trainer will work with the child on behavior modification techniques to change the inappropriate behavior so this person can be better integrated into the community. In the second (extended) part of the waiver, it can also buy after school services, respite care, daily living skills, foster care, specialized transportation, and about 14 other types of services.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Pronold to approve ordinance 158-O-114. Motion carried 5-0.

The committee recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at The Caring Place at 2:15 p.m.

Pronold left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Kipp arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Tour Adult Senior Day Care Center Located in The Caring Place at 810 N. East Avenue in the First Presbyterian Church

Kapke said the center began as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church. Their primary source of funding is the United Way. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and clients typically use the center two to three days per week for socialization purposes. The center also has a whirlpool tub and clients can receive one bath per month. Getting these individuals out of their home and actively engaged with others their own age is key to good mental health. They also receive hot noon meals from Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The average client age is 82 and there are more women than men. The center's capacity is 23. The minimum day fee is \$29.50 and the regular fee is \$39.50. The center utilizes about 75 volunteers and two full-time and seven part-time employees. Their annual budget is roughly \$300,000. The center is licensed by the State of Wisconsin.

Berthelson said this is one of six adult day care centers the Health & Human Services Department contracts with and clients are referred to the center closest to where they live. The other centers are in Waukesha (2), Oconomowoc (2), and Menomonee Falls (1). There use to be a private sector center in Mukwonago but it went of business because of transportation issues. The County's payment is on a formula basis with five different tiers. Title 19 clients are charged the lowest at \$12.50 per day.

Kipp left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Tour Two After School Sites Funded by Safe and Sound

Reich said there are a total of ten Safe Place sites throughout the City of Waukesha which average 25 to 30 kids per day. They are open Monday through Thursday for one hour per day. Dorow said Community policing is proactive. Fifteen officers take part in Safe and Sound. Community problems are not just a police concern. The main issue in this community is a need for youth activities. The focus area for the Safe and Sound site for Central Middle School is a two to three square mile area near the school. Safe and Sound develops, supports, and facilitates collaborative approaches to measurably reduce crime by blending law enforcement, neighborhood organizing and youth development. Dorow said they partner with Graffiti Effacers.

DuBord said the premise is to reach out to youths between 8 to 18 years of age. She went on to summarize the safe places as outlined in her handout. Micklitz offered a different perspective and said the kids can relate to the police officers. She noted that Senator Kohl was instrumental in initiating the Safe and Sound program.

Esler said Senator Kohl was instrumental in obtaining a three-year grant of \$230,000 per year for this program. When does the grant run out: Dorow said he recently received a letter stating that they've pulled this money for use by Homeland Security. We're trying to get donations, sponsors, etc. in working with our Board of Directors to get through 2004.

The committee did a walking tour of the programs in progress at Central Middle School located at 400 Grand Avenue, and of the Teen Center located at 210 Grand Avenue.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Silva to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Associate.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Silva
Secretary